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FOR GRANGER FROM BOWDLER

1. FOLLOWING IS FURNISHED FOR YOUR USE IN HANDLING OF ANY CRITICISM THAT AT UNCTAD THE US TOOK A POSITION ON CODE OF CONDUCT FOR TRANSFER OF TECHNOLOGY CONTRARY TO THAT TAKEN AT BRASILIA WORKING GROUP MEETING LAST JUNE:

A. AT THE BRASILIA MEETING OF THE WORKING GROUP ON SCIENCE AND TRANSFER OF TECHNOLOGY THE DELEGATES
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AGREED THAT SUB-GROUP III WOULD "CONSIDER A CODE OF

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CONDUCT FOR THE TRANSFER OF TECHNOLOGY TO DEVELOPING
COUNTRIES, TAKING INTO ACCOUNT THE WORK CURRENTLY UNDERWAY
IN MULTILATERAL FORUMS." THE US APPROVED INCLUSION OF
THIS GUIDELINE IN THE TERMS OF REFERENCE ON THE UNDER-
STANDING THAT IN THE WORKING GROUP FORUM THERE WOULD BE
A CAREFUL CONSIDERATION OF ALL ASPECTS OF THIS ISSUE.
WE SEEK AMPLE TIME FOR CONSULTATIONS BEFORE ANY DECISION
IS TAKEN WITH REGARD TO THE FEASIBILITY OF AGREEING
ON A CODE OR STATEMENT OF GENERAL PRINCIPLES AND WHAT
THE CONTENT MIGHT BE. THIS CONTINUES TO BE OUR

UNDERSTANDING AND OUR PURPOSE. WE WANT TO CLOSE OFF NO
POTENTIAL AVENUES OF COOPERATION; AT THE SAME TIME, WE
NEED TO ANALYZE ALL PROPOSITIONS FULLY AND CANDIDLY
WITH YOU.

B. THE CIRCUMSTANCES SURROUNDING DISCUSSION OF THIS
QUESTION IN BRASILIA WAS QUITE DIFFERENT FROM THOSE
PREVAILING WHEN IT WAS DEBATED AT THE UNCTAD MEETING IN
GENEVA LAST MONTH. THE UNCTAD CONSIDERATION PROCEEDED
ON THE BASIS OF DRAFTING OF A CODE WITHOUT THE CAREFUL
PREPARATORY WORK WHICH WE PLAN TO GIVE THE SUBJECT IN
THIS FORUM. WE DID NOT CONSIDER THAT THIS WAS A WISE OR
PRODUCTIVE WAY TO PROCEED IN HANDLING SO IMPORTANT AND
COMPLEX A SUBJECT.

C. THE DELIBERATE APPROACH ENVISAGED BY OUR METHOD
OF WORK IS THE ONE MOST LIKELY TO PRODUCE THE LASTING
RESULTS WE ALL SEEK. THIS APPROACH WILL GIVE US A YARD-
STICK OF WHETHER WE CAN REACH AGREEMENT ON BALANCED,
MEANINGFUL PRINCIPLES GOVERNING THE TRANSFER OF
TECHNOLOGY. WE WILL WORK TOGETHER WITH YOU IN THIS
SPIRIT.

2. SEPARATE CABLE FOLLOWS WITH ADDITIONAL BACKGROUND
ON THE UNCTAD DISCUSSION. INGERSOLL

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